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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are now within six weeks of the day appointed for celebrating the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it would seem desirable that we should again take stock of the position. As our readers are aware, the Festival will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 26th February, under the auspices of the Right Hon. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and we rejoice to see that, according to the latest particulars we have received, the efforts of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. JAMES TERRY, have borne good fruit. Prior to the last two or three Anniversaries, it has been a part of our duty, just about this time of the year, to urge upon the brethren to come forward in sufficient numbers as Stewards in order that the sum necessary for the requirements of the year might be obtained. The same duty has devolved upon us in anticipation of the approaching Festival, and in the fulfilment of that duty, we have had occasion to point out firstly, how large is the sum that has annually to be raised in order to make good the deficiency caused by the excess of expenditure over permanent income; and secondly, how numerous and urgent are the applications made by old and indigent brethren and their widows for admission to the benefits of the Institution. This year, however, we are glad to say the outlook has been slightly more favourable than usual. The Chairman's Province of Middlesex has, to use a familiar expression, taken time by the forelock, and at the entertainment on New Year's Day to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, Bro. TERRY was in the happy position of being able to announce that every one of the lodges in Middlesex—and we see from this year's official Calendar that they muster 42 in all—has furnished, at least, one Steward, while sundry of them will be represented by two or three, or even more, brethren. This is an example to the other Provinces which we are only too glad to acknowledge is almost invariably set by that section of the Craft which is more immediately concerned in supporting successfully the Chairman of the day; but it is not always the case that the section or Province which is thus situated is able to take the field, and set about the arduous task of canvassing for donations and subscriptions as successfully as Middlesex; and this not because one Province is less willing to enter upon this duty than another, but because it so very rarely happens that the Secretary of any one of our Institutions has it in his power to announce that he has enlisted the services of such and such a distinguished brother as Chairman for the Festival next ensuing at a date early enough to allow of the brethren he presides over organising their contingent of Stewards so promptly. However, as we make it a rule to avoid, as far as possible, instituting comparisons between one body of brethren and another, let it suffice that Middlesex

has been for several months past engaged in making the necessary preparations to support its Prov. Grand Master in a manner that redounds both to his and their credit, and must prove beneficial to the Institution whose interests they have jointly undertaken to promote. Moreover, this early preparation on the part of the Chairman's Province has not been without its effect on the other Provinces, and also on the London district, so that at the present time the Board of Stewards, so far as it has been constituted, is substantially stronger than its predecessors in ordinary years have been at corresponding periods of the year. This is a hopeful sign and for more than one reason, but chiefly because those who purpose representing Provinces or lodges will have ample time for canvassing their brother members and friends. In the case of those former Festivals for which, in the interests of the particular Institution concerned, it has seemed desirable that we should continue our appeals for further help almost to the very latest moment, the appeals have undoubtedly been answered with the utmost readiness, but then there has been little or no time for the latest comers to do much more than contribute their own personal donations. In this case, there are close on 280 Stewards within six weeks of the Festival, and even those who have come forward only within the last few days will have time at their disposal for pleading the cause of the Old People with their friends. In this respect, therefore, Bro. TERRY is to be congratulated on the success of his labours, and we can only hope that the efforts of the ladies and brethren he has enrolled as members of the Board of Stewards will be as successful in obtaining the necessary funds.

Upon this point it is, of course, necessary that we should be as urgent as in previous years in our appeals to the brethren. The number of annuitants for whom provision must be made is as follows, viz.: On the Male Fund, 200—being an increase of five over the preceding year—at £40 per annum each; and on the Widows' Fund, 240, at £32 per annum each; the total sum to be distributed amongst these 440 Old Folks being £15,680. To this must be added £600 distributable among the 30 widows—or thereabouts—in receipt of their late husbands' annuities, making the grand total disbursed for annuities £16,280. The expenses of management and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon absorb annually about a further £3000, so that the year's outlay may be set down in round figures at £19,000, without allowing any margin for unforeseen contingencies. On the other hand, the fixed income does not exceed, if, indeed, it quite approaches, £5500; the chief heads of receipt being grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of £1600 and £150 respectively, and interest on invested capital about £3750. There is thus a deficiency of close upon £14,000 to be made good every year, and it is for the purpose of raising this sum that the Festival is held. But the case for the Institution does not rest here. We announced last week that, as the result of the consideration of the final batch of petitions for the year by the Committee of Management at their meeting on the 8th instant, the number of candidates for the Male Fund was 62 and for the Widows' Fund 53, making a total for the two branches of the Institution numbering no less than 115. What the number of vacancies to be competed for by these poor people at the election in May next will be remains to be seen. It will be decided at the Committee meeting next month, and as in accordance with our experience of past years, there is little, if any, doubt that all the vacancies that occur between the second Wednesday in February and the third Friday in May—the day of the election—will also be filled up, it is clear

that the numbers to be elected on the two Funds will not be known till just as the poll is about to be opened. But there is no reason to suppose that the proportion of vacancies to candidates will be either more or less favourable than it has been of recent years. At all events, we shall not be far out in our reckoning if we assume that, including the three elected on each Fund to deferred annuities, between 30 and 40 out of the 115 candidates will succeed in winning annuities, and that the remainder, to the number of between 70 and 80, will have to remain out in the cold, enduring with such patience and fortitude as they may be able to command, that poverty from which it is proved, by the fact of their being candidates, that they are suffering. Were the circumstances of the moment unusually promising, we might hope for such a Return of Donations and Subscriptions as would justify the Committee in recommending the creation of a few additional annuities. Unfortunately we are in the thick of a grave political crisis, and at such a time people are apt to draw their purse strings more tightly together. Moreover, it was only in May last that the Annuities on the Male Fund were increased from 195 to 200, while the difficulty of raising the sum now required annually is enough without adding to the labour and responsibilities of the Committee. It is impossible for them to go on creating fresh annuities every year, or even at intervals of every three or four years; and therefore, save under such splendid conditions as we dare not hope to see realised, there is, we fear, but little likelihood that more than the 30 or 40 we have before mentioned will be elected. But this is a matter that may be allowed to stand over till the Festival has been held. In the meantime, we appeal most earnestly to our readers to give such assistance as they are able to afford towards swelling the general total which it will be Bro. TERRV'S duty to announce on the eventful 26th February next ensuing. Thus will they gladden the hearts of the distinguished brother who has consented to preside as Chairman; of the ladies and brethren who support him as Stewards; and of all who are interested in seeing the prosperity maintained from year to year of this most valuable Masonic Institution.

CONSECRATION OF THE NATIONAL ARTILLERY LODGE, No. 2578.

Another important addition to the roll of English lodges was made on Wednesday evening, when the National Artillery Lodge was formally consecrated at the Criterion, Regent-circus, by Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary. To do honour to the occasion a large and distinguished company assembled, and the proceedings throughout were most attentively regarded.

Among the brethren present were—

Bros. H. Thompson Trojon, 1789; W. Thompson, 1297; H. W. Schartau, 1549; John Bartlett, 2030; G. W. H. Morland, 945; G. T. P. Townsend, 270; Samuel Morris, 1668; William Carless, 1842, P.P.G.R. Sussex; R. W. Murdoch, S.D. 1789; Stanley L. Powell, 2403; Archibald Corney, I.P.M. 1842; Richard W. Philpott, P.M. 1208, P.P.A.G.P.; W. Jarvis, P.M. 1789, P.P.J.G.D.; John Simpson, 77; W. Shackleton, S.W. 1789; T. Burne, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; James Stephens, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks; A. G. Hansard, P.M. 1789; John W. Martin, P.M. 414, Prov. G. Sec. Berks; P. J. Taylor, P.M. 144, 1922; J. W. Chapman, P.M., Sec. 1922; J. Lawrence, 1010; A. E. Roberts, W.M. 1261; C. W. Inchice, 2; W. Michell Clarke, 1048; W. J. Ward, 1823, P.P.G.S. Suffolk; W. E. Wailes, W.M. 404; Edward W. Postans, W.M. 2484, acting P.M. 34; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; C. Hammerton, P.G. S.B.; Frank Lloyd Palmer, 2054; Lennox Napier, Alfred Probyn, 172; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; John D. Irvine, 1928; Thomas Tully, P.M. 1718 and 2466; Arthur Appleby, P.M. 1706; W. Bradford, I.G. 2168; W. Clement Godson, P.G.D.; H. Conyngham, W.M. 1718; Major-Gen. Gadsden, P.M. 1; W. Lawson, P.M. 700; J. T. Morland, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Berks; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; Robert G. Hall, P.M. 2484, P.G. Stwd.; H. E. de Pinna, P.M. 1973; F. L. Keyser, W.M. elect 2, G. Stwd.; C. Walker, P.M. 1174; George Spinks, P.M. 2899; J. Sanderson, P.M. 700; H. W. Chamberlin, W.M. 1789; and H. Turner, P.M. 1608.

Bro. Letchworth was assisted in the performance of the ceremonies by Bros. Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G.D., as S.W.; Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Major-General F. Gadsden, P.G.S.B., as I.G. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex.

In opening the proceedings, Bro. LETCHWORTH said he was there by the command of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and as his humble representative, for the purpose of performing a very interesting, but at the same time a very solemn, ceremony—the constitution of a new lodge

and its dedication to the service of Almighty God, and he could only hope that that lodge they were about to start into existence might be the means not only of advancing the best interests of the Masonic Order, but, if possible, of uniting more closely those who were associated together in the very distinguished branch of her Majesty's Regular Army to which many of the brethren present belonged. That it might have before it a career of great prosperity was, he felt sure, the earnest wish of all present.

The Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Chaplain, after the introductory proceedings delivered the following pertinent, although brief, oration:—

There never was a moment in English history when, more than now, opportunity was offered for the display of many of the great principles upon which our Order is founded. Standing aloof as we do in this country from that political bias which in so many foreign countries prevents our Order from being a power for good, and sometimes even makes it a power for evil. We, the Freemasons of England, are able, in a moment of crisis—without parade—without demonstration—even without any public and official pronouncement of our leaders—so to leaven the whole tone of public opinion, as to make a sensible impression upon the policy of the country. What are specially the Masonic principles which are now specially needed. First—Loyalty. Something more than mere evanescent sentiment, which indulges in empty words which cost nothing—but the quiet realisation of the fact that from all some sacrifice is needed to maintain and strengthen the solidity of the Empire—sacrifice of money, sacrifice of time, sacrifice of self. Secondly—Obedience. Something more than the mere acquiescence in our laws which self-interest demands, but the implicit surrender of one's own will and opinions, in order that there may be a unity of purpose and a concentration of strength. Thirdly—Discipline. Something more than perfect ordering of our forces for a Queen's Birthday Parade—but the acquired habit of mind and body which at all times, and under all circumstances, when joined with Loyalty and Obedience, is the power which has made England what it is. Brethren, as soldiers and as Masons, let us in this lodge cultivate those Masonic virtues. It is not our business to speculate idly as to what is before us in either capacity. We know neither the time, nor the continent, nor the hemisphere when and where our Queen will need our services—suffice it to resolve that when wanted they will be given with Loyalty, Discipline, and Obedience. We boast not beforehand what the issue will be. The issue will be what God wills—it is not even our business to consider it, but only to do the work which He sets in the strength which He supplies.

The lodge was afterwards formally consecrated and constituted, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Tasker Ritchie, R.A., was installed by Bro. Letchworth as first W.M. of the lodge.

The other brethren constituting the officers of the lodge for the year were Bros. Field-Marshal the Right Hon. Lord Roberts, S.G.W., acting I.P.M.; Capt. William Alexander Weston, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, S.W.; Major Harry Vane-Stow, J.W.; Col. H. M. Hozier, Treas.; Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.G. Std. Br. Berks, Sec.; Capt. W. Nicholls, S.D.; Capt. H. Turner, J.D.; Capt. H. C. Wilson, D.C.; Major H. B. Lewis-Barned, Org.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, I.G.; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Murley, Stwd.; and H. Warren, Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Col. BOXALL proposed, and Bro. Col. HOZIER, Treas., seconded, that the Consecrating Officers be elected hon. members of the lodge, and the motion having been unanimously carried, Bro. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his assistants. Bro. Letchworth was afterwards presented with a founder's jewel.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

All the speeches were short and to the purpose, and they were brilliantly delivered. The music with which they were interspersed was of a superior order, and was performed, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, by that brother and Bros. John Bartlett, Arthur Appleby, William Bradford, and Miss Ricke.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said that as Consecrating Officer, it was his privilege, which he valued much, to propose what was really the toast of the evening. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of their W.M., whom he had the very great pleasure and privilege of installing in the chair of the National Artillery Lodge that evening. In the presence of the members of the lodge, he felt it was unnecessary to say much or anything at all in regard to Col. Ritchie. Many of the brethren were connected with the Ubique Lodge, in which he was so great a power, and which he (Bro. Letchworth) believed owed its existence mainly to him. He most heartily congratulated the members of this National Artillery Lodge on having as their first W.M. in this the most critical period of its existence, one so able to guide them as Col. Ritchie. He felt convinced that under his genial and able rule the lodge would be a very great success, and that it would have before it a grand career.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. RITCHIE, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said: To say that I thank you is but a small matter. I feel that I stand tonight in a very proud position—that of being first Master of the National Artillery Lodge. And when I say National I mean national in every sense, because this movement, apart from the constitutional course of the militia, which gave such an impetus to our military life 36 years, which is one of the grandest movements that have marked the military history of the present century, it has been with us a force of citizen soldiers, that in the time of need I am sure will be unconquerable and unconquered, not altogether from the military lodges or the military genius they possess, but from the fact of their being Englishmen. I think that this feeling just at this stage of our history has been, perhaps, more marked than at any time during the century. Originally our past has called forth such a nation full of war sentiment that it is a

factor, it is a power of the future which no one can lose sight of. I am not only proud for the reason of being an Englishman and being associated with English soldiers, but I am also proud in this, that I, a Royal gunner, should hold this position among the citizen gunners of the land. I am naturally glad to think that this National Artillery Lodge has a high and grand Masonic future before it. I would fain prophesy that it will be among the most powerful Masonic factors, as lodges go, in the Kingdom—powerful for many things. I look upon Masonry and the philosophy of Masonry as a very great and high thing. It draws men together under its wings, it unites with a philosophy imbued with everything that is high, everything that is moral, everything that is noble. I look, in fact, upon the philosophy of Masonry as only next to Christianity in bringing men together, that cements hearts together and interests together, and makes them one common whole, and as a whole for the good of humanity as a whole. We have with our other principles of Freemasonry the principle of Charity, and what greater, what more ennobling principle can there be than that which encourages us to assist sickness and weakness—the cultivation of high deeds, and some of the noblest deeds, for the benefit of our common humanity?

Bro. Lieut.-Col. RITCHIE, W.M., next proposed "The Consecrating Officer," and said he might almost give the toast without a word, but he felt perhaps he would be somewhat wanting in respect if he did. All he could say was that that night it must have been a delight to the lodge to have the solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration performed in the manner it had been. He was a great believer in consecrations, for the reason that following the ceremony of consecration it called forth some of their purest thoughts and feelings, and he could not help feeling that in the consecration of a lodge every brother who was present was again consecrating himself to the cause of Masonry. The ceremony itself was highly impressive, and one that must speak a great lesson to their hearts. He thought that no brethren could be present at the consecration ceremony without going away a better man and a better Mason, because they were dedicating themselves afresh to their Masonic career. He proposed the health of Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., a most popular brother in the Order.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in reply, said he had often remarked at consecrations that among the many duties connected with the office he had the honour to hold, there was not one which gave him greater pleasure than that of assisting, as he had assisted that evening, in starting a new lodge, and he was sure he was expressing the feelings of all who had assisted him when he said he wished the National Artillery Lodge a career of the greatest possible prosperity.

Bros. Gen. HALE WORTHAM, Col. KEYSER, and Col. HANSARD replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Col. HANSARD said he was expressing the feelings of all members of the Ubique Lodge present when he said he welcomed into Masonry this lodge of representatives of the Militia Artillery of the United Kingdom, and he congratulated it on having such a W.M. The Ubique started as a very small lodge; it had now 170 members in 15 years. He only hoped that in the same number of years the National Artillery Lodge might have, as he was sure it would have, under the presidency of Col. Ritchie, its first Master and Chief Founder, even a greater strength than the Ubique. It had a larger field to recruit from. In these critical times they ought to have no difficulty in getting militia and volunteers to come together and stand shoulder to shoulder. The time might not be far distant. A few days ago it was not suspected that they might be called upon. Thank God, the great heart of England spoke out and showed it was not afraid. As long as they stuck together, all wearing her Majesty's uniform need not be afraid if they had to stand against the whole world. They did it a hundred years ago, and they could do it again. In Masonry they got to know one another, to know each other's strength, and each other's weakness, and they made allowance for them. Masonry taught them their duties, and especially their duty as Englishmen to protect themselves, their country and their empire.

Bros. Col. HOZIER and Capt. JAMES replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Capt. WESTON, S.W., and Major VANE-STOW, J.W., to that of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the course of the evening, the W.M. informed the brethren that there had been presented to the lodge a Charity-box, and that it was in the form of a mortar—a very appropriate form for gunners—and that the first charge of that mortar was £4 7s. 6d.

MASONIC TREAT TO POOR PEOPLE.

The meat tea and entertainment inaugurated in 1888 by the officers and members of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, was repeated on New Year's Eve in the Victoria Hall, when about 350 of the aged and deserving poor of Weston-super-Mare, to whom invitations had been extended, put in an appearance. The popularity of this festival is well maintained, and the reputation of the brethren of the "mystic tie" for deeds of charity is as great as ever. The tea, a most bountiful and excellent one, was provided by Bro. E. G. Huntley, and it gave great satisfaction. The tables and platform were adorned with lamps kindly lent by Bro. Curtis, Messrs. Leaver and Fox, and Messrs. Bryant, and foliage plants contributed by Mr. Russell. During the tea a capital selection of music was played by the Grosvenor Quintette Band.

The tables were presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Webb, Mrs. W. E. Perrett, Mrs. W. E. Perrett, jun., Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Collings, Mrs. Hare, Mrs. Lillington, Mrs. Wooler, Mrs. Capell, Mrs. G. H. Perrett, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Glossop, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Black-

more, Mrs. T. Cox, Mrs. Cogle, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Clothier, and Misses Dart, Baker, Hyndman, James, Frampton, and Harvey.

The brethren, attired in evening dress and wearing jewels representing the various offices they have filled, and for which a dispensation was obtained, officiated as waiters. Grace before and after the meal was said by the Rev. E. J. Morris.

After the tables had been cleared, a capital entertainment was given, the first part consisting of songs and gigelira solos, the second part being a minstrel performance. Part one was as follows: Song, "Round goes the wheel," Bro. R. J. Dart; song, "Darby and Joan," Mrs. Morris; song, "When the heart is young," Miss Frampton; song, "New Year's Eve," Bro. H. F. Taylor (encored); gigelira solo, Bro. Sellick (encored); song, "The dear home-land," Mrs. Lawrence; song, "The miller and the maid," Madame Eva Neate (encored). The accompanists were Mr. H. Jefferies, Mrs. Barry, Madame Eva Neate, Mrs. Taylor, and Bro. Franklin. The minstrel performance was quite a new departure and was arranged by Bro. Franklin. The chorus comprised about 20 men's voices and several boys. The programme, which was as follows, went swimmingly and without a hitch, and the old folk were very delighted: Overtures, Bro. A. Franklin; song, "The old folks at home," Bro. Thomas (encored); comic song, "The niggardly nigger," Mr. W. J. Spencer; ballad, "Sweet chiming bells," The Boys; song, "Poor old Joe," Mr. Sparkes; comic song, "The laughing nigger," Bro. Carter; song, "Close the shutters, Willie's dead," Bro. Wilde; banjo song, "The old man on the Common," Mr. W. J. Spencer (encored); song, "Carrie Lee," Bro. Sellick; song, "The golden stairs," Bro. H. F. Taylor; boot dance, Mr. Cook (encored).

During the interval, Bro. WEBB, as the W.M. of the lodge, extended a hearty welcome to all the guests, and said he was sure they would agree with him in the opinion that that was one of the most popular gatherings of the kind held in Weston-super-Mare. He wished all present on his own behalf, as well as on behalf of the members of St. Kew Lodge, a most prosperous and happy New Year. In looking back at the previous year's gathering and remembering some who were then present, they could not fail to notice that several familiar faces were not to be seen amongst them that evening. Several had been called to rest, and among others they would not fail to miss was the genial face of one who had always been with them on previous years; one who was constantly going in and out amongst them, healing the sick, and speaking a cheery word to the sorrowful. He referred to the late Dr. G. E. Alford. Many of those present that evening must have thought of Mrs. Alford in her bereavement, and he knew they all deeply sympathised with her. Alluding to the distribution of the tickets for the tea, Bro. Webb said they had experienced a good deal of difficulty this year, the demand had been so great, and some of the applicants had sent in their names as early as last November. Of course, they could not accommodate all the old and deserving poor of Weston in that hall, but they had done their best to distribute the tickets fairly all over the town—and in many cases they had only got abused for their pains. Because a person had attended the previous teas it was no reason why he or she should look upon it as a right to attend all the teas that were to follow—in fact, if persons had been to several of the teas, he thought that was a very good reason why their names should, at least in some cases, be omitted for a year in order that fresh people might have the chance to take their place. However, the brethren had done their best in distributing the tickets, and the practice of varying the list of invitations seemed to him to be a commendable one. The ladies who had presided at the tables had discharged the duty as a labour of love, but he was sure the guests would all unite with him in heartily thanking them for their services.

Soon after the entertainment commenced pipes and tobacco were served to the men who smoked, and beer and non-alcoholic liquors to both sexes, according to their tastes. At the close of the entertainment the usual supply of hot temperance punch was handed round, and the guests had an altogether delightful evening. At 10 o'clock the brethren went on the platform and sang "Auld Lang Syne" in the conventional manner, and the company, after some hearty cheering, quietly dispersed.

The very efficient manner in which everything was arranged and carried out, spoke well for the administrative abilities of the Committee, viz., Brs. Webb, Blackmore, Cooper, Perrett, Thomas, Sellick, and Dart.

A NEW MASONIC LODGE FOR GLASGOW.

BRO. SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, BART., INSTALLING MASTER.

The erection of a new lodge is always an event of importance and interest in Masonic circles, and on the 7th inst., special importance was attached to the consecration of the Blythswood Lodge, No. 817, from the elaborate preparations made for the ceremony and for the housing of the new lodge. Prior to the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge to consecrate the new lodge and the hall, Bro. Sir John Maxwell, Bart., M.P., W.M. elect, entertained about 60 brethren, in the Bath Hotel, at dinner. Bro. Sir John presided, and on his right and left were Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart, M.P.; John Graham of Broadstone; the Revs. Dr. W. W. Tulloch and Dr. John Watt; D. Murray Lyon, David Reid, James Boyd, C. Murray Stewart, Major Allan, J. Guthrie Smith, and Major R. Barclay Shaw; while the Wardens-elect, Bros. Peter R. MacArthur and James MacLay, were croupiers.

After dinner, which did credit to Bro. Sir John's hospitality, "Her Majesty the Queen" was toasted with three ringing cheers. Two minutes allowed for coffee and cigars, and then all were on the move, and the company driven in cabs to the Masonic Hall, at 236, Great Western-road. Here a large number of brethren, who were specially invited to the consecration, had already assembled, and were seated at prettily-decorated and well-furnished tables. Many were the remarks of admiration expressed on the decorations of the lodge room, which, by the way, were executed under the charge of Bro. W. Brown. No time was lost in gathering, as the Provincial Officers filed in. Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. G.M., previous to opening the Prov. Grand Lodge, acknowledged the presence of Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, G.M. of Scotland, and requested him to preside.

The courtesy to his rank was acknowledged in graceful terms by Bro. Sir Charles, who, however, left the duty of presiding to Bro. Graham.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the ceremony proceeded with, the musical parts being rendered by a strong choir, conducted by Bro. F. W. Larter, and accompanied on the organ by Bro. R. Buchanan, junior.

The other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge assisting in the ceremony were Bros. ex Baile Simons, Substitute Prov. G.M.; W. M. Denholm, P.S.G.W.; Matthew Richmond, P.J.G.W.; G. C. H. McNaught, P.G. Sec.; and James Loutitt, P.G. D. of C.

The oration, which was particularly appropriate, and dealt with the existence of God, and man's duty to his fellow-men, was delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. W. W. TULLOCH, Prov. G. Chap., which he held, taught virtue and benevolence, and it was known that these principles became so large a part in the lives of many members that they had learned to live a good life, and had left the world better and brighter than they found it.

The charter giving authority from the Grand Lodge for the holding of Masonic meetings under the title of the Blythswood Lodge was read by Bro. Dr. WATT, P.G. Chap. The ceremony having been completed and the officers-elect and members of the new lodge presented to the Installing Master, the D. of C. proclaimed these brethren as constituted a regular lodge and henceforth fully empowered to exercise all their rights and privileges agreeable to the tenure of their charter, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the Fraternity.

The officers-elect were then installed by Bro. Sir Charles Dilmyle, G.M., including Bros. Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., M.P., W.M.; W. M. Denholm, D.M.; J. MacNaught Campbell, S.M.; Peter R. MacArthur, S.W.; James MacLay, J.W.; Neil Niven, Sec.; John Brough, S.D.; and William Brown, I.G.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the G.M. and Prov. G.M., the WORSHIPFUL MASTER presented them with a souvenir of the occasion. The P.G. Secretary was also made the recipient of a similar kindness in recognition of the assistance he had given the promoters of the lodge in the preliminary arrangements.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed, and the Blythswood Lodge opened, when the brethren were called to refreshment.

The harmony which followed was under the care of Bro. W. F. Frame, and the accompaniments were by Bro. C. R. Baptie.—*Glasgow Evening News.*

MASONIC BALL AT LONGTON.

A ball, under the auspices of the Etruscan Lodge, was held at the Town Hall, Longton, on Thursday, the 2nd instant. It was somewhat unfortunate that the County Cricket Club ball at Newcastle should have been fixed for the same evening, the smaller and more local gathering suffering to an appreciable extent in consequence. It was hoped that the Duchess of Sutherland (who had taken tickets) and some of the guests at Trentham would pay a short visit on their way to Newcastle, but of this their arrangements did not permit. No pains had been spared by the W.M. (Bro. G. E. Walters), the Secretary (Bro. Arthur L. Harber), and the Ball Committee to make the evening an enjoyable one for all who availed themselves of being present.

A most skilful preparation of the hall had been carried out by Mr. H. W. Fleet (of the firm of Messrs. George Fleet and Co., Stoke-on-Trent). The entrance was carpeted with crimson felt and hung with Indian curtains. In the assembly room festooned draperies were charmingly arranged in shades of scarlet, pink, apple green, and terra-cotta over each window and in each recess of the cosy corners which had been cunningly contrived under the specially constructed musicians' gallery. In the general decoration of the room some 40 different draperies were employed, no two being alike, a harmonious ensemble being produced by the tasteful blending of the colours. A modest display of Masonic banners and devices gave a distinctive character to the decorations, noticeable being the old banner of the lodge, with its ceramic emblem, an Etruscan vase, surmounted by the Staffordshire knot. The stage was converted into a drawing-room, furnished in Chippendale and Sheraton styles, and carpeted with Indian and Turkey carpets. The doorways were draped with Indian curtains and festooned valances of Japanese muslins. Pedestals of artistic design, containing choice plants, were kindly lent by Messrs. T. Forester and Sons, Phoenix Works. The supper-room was draped in cream lace, with large red Japanese fans on the walls and over the windows, which produced an exceedingly bright and cheerful effect. A well-arranged card and smoke room was a necessary adjunct of the arrangements.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Deputy Prov. G.M., was unable to be present owing to absence from Staffordshire, and the principal representative of the province was Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, W.M. 2487, P.S.G.W., who acted as one of the Stewards. The other Stewards were Bros. G. E. Walters, W.M.; T. Taylor, W.M. 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Webberley, P.P.G.R.; S. Mear, A. Mear, P. H. Bennion, W. Brickel, F. Williamson, H. Nicholls, T. I. Cope, W. Rochell, A. R. Lewis, and J. Lewis Webberley, Supper Stewards; G. Bennion, P.G.R.; G. C. Kent, P.P.A.G. Sec.; A. S. Walters, J. W. Bromley, W.M. elect, and J. O. Williams.

Bros. J. E. Hodson and H. Forester officiated as M.Cs., and were untiring in their efforts to promote the success of the gathering. Excellent music was supplied by Bro. Bonner's (P.P.G. Org.) band, which consisted of eight performers, and supper was well served by Bro. G. H. Frewer, Heathcote Arms Hotel. Altogether the company numbered about 100, and dancing was kept up with great enjoyment till five o'clock in the morning.

The following is a list of the company present:

Bro. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. E. B. and Miss Allerton, Dr. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ashton, Miss E. Allerton, Miss Allin, Miss Blair, Bro. and Mrs. G. Bennion, Bro. Brickel, Mr. G. T. Bennion and Miss Latham, Miss Barlow, Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Bromley, Bro. T. I. Cope, Miss Chew, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cope, Bro. R. W. Day, Bro. E. Edwards and Miss Edwards, Bro. B. Forester, Mr. Victor and Miss Forester, Mr. G. Farmer, jun., Mr. H. W. Fleet, Bro. and Mrs. E. V. Greatbatch, Mr. R. E. Greatbatch, Miss Gibson, Mr. Tom H. Griffiths, Mr. Sam. A. Griffiths, Mr. H. Hawley, Mr. G. Hawley and Miss Bennion, Mr. E. Hawley, Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Hodson, Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Harber, Mr. W. Hudson, jun., and Miss Adderley, Dr. E. W. Jones, Mr. F. E. Johnson, Bro. G. C. and Mrs. Kent, Bro. and Mrs. R. Kent, Mr. J. and Miss Kent, Mr. W. T. Kent, Mr. W. J. Kent, Bro. A. R. and Mrs. Lewis, Bro. and Mrs. S. Mear, Bro. and Mrs. A. Mear, Mr. W. Mountford, jun., and Miss Mountford, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Meigh and Miss Meigh, Miss Morris, Dr. Moreton, Bro. H. Nicholls, Mr. Geo. Phillips, Bro. F. J. Pointon, Mr. Roland Prince, Mr. A. J. Richardson, Bro. and Mrs. Rochell, Mr. G. and Miss Turner, Bro. T. Tindal, Bro. A. S. Walters, Bro. G. E. Walters, Bro. and Mrs. F. Williamson, Bro. A. C. Woolley, Bro. and Mrs. Webberley, Bro. J. L. Webberley and Miss Horth, Mr. Alec and Miss Webberley, Miss N. Webberley, Bro. J. O. Williams, and Miss Wildblood.

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

On Monday, the 13th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge, upwards of 90 brethren attended the installation meeting of this ancient lodge, including the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell), and the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray), and there were 28 P.Ms. present at the Board of Installed Masters. The proceedings began with the passing of two candidates to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. John L. Rutter, W.M., who afterwards occupied the position of Installing Master, being assisted therein by Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.M., and P. Chennell, P.M., the latter delivering the charges. The Prov. G.M. was escorted into the lodge by the Prov. Grand Officers and duly saluted, and he was presently joined by his Deputy. The attendance also included Bros. B. Chennell, P.M.; T. Hunnybun, P.M.; T. Nichols, P.M.; W. I. Pashler, P.M.; Oliver Papworth, P.M.; J. V. Pryor, P.M.; Frank Piggott, P.M.; W. P. Spalding, P.M.; A. E. Chaplin, W.M. elect; W. Sindall, J. H. Moyes, B. W. Beales, sen., and jun., H. S. Davison, F. J. Modsen, C. F. Charlton, J. Morley, W. James, W. Jarrold, T. Lucas, A. J. Moyes, R. Moore, A. J. Lyon, J. M. Logan, J. T. Waldoock, H. G. Bunning, A. R. Hill, J. Beston, J. Brown, C. P. Jones, F. W. Phelps, C. S. Palmer, J. W. Knights, S. J. Freeman, F. W. Bird, M. D. Bradford, E. M. Duncombe, T. Moyes, and Bell, all of the lodge; also Bros. Dr. Roper, W.M., Jas. Catling, I.P.M., T. Watts, P.M., J. S. Youngman, P.M., F. Dewberry, P.M., J. Vial, P.M., F. W. Potts, F. R. Leach, W. H. Berridge, J. F. Miller, F. W. Miller, C. E. Gray, M. Brown, W. Saint, Geo. Bull, G. F. Knowles, H. W. Dewberry, A. Jennings, and C. E. Ing, all of 441; J. R. Bambridge, W.M., W. Bray, P.M., E. B. Bellars, and B. Sullivan, of 809; Rev. H. S. Cronin, W.M., H. Trevor-Jones, P.M., W. H. Francis, P.M., and T. B. Hope, of 859; J. R. Green, P.M. 1492; J. Gordon Chennell and J. G. Cowell, of 2107; and from lodges beyond the province: Bros. W. Briggs, 45; W. Mills, 93; A. Spalding, I.P.M. 376; E. G. Marner, 1673; W. H. Grouse, 1297; H. R. B. Smith, 877; L. Lewis, P.M. 1598; R. T. Scarr, P.M. 2136; F. C. Christmas, P.M. 194; H. Kempton, 442; E. B. Brown, 1745; J. H. Baxter, P.M. 1385; J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; and H. Penton, 309. Bro. Arthur E. Chaplin, S.W., P.P.G.S.B., who was initiated in Lodge No. 1578, and joined No. 88 in February, 1886 (of which he was Secretary for several years), was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and subsequently appointed and invested his officers as under: Bros. J. L. Rutter, P.P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; W. Sindall, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; J. H. Moyes, P.G.S.B., J.W.; John Beston, Chaplain; B. W. Beales, jun., Treasurer; Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., Secretary; H. S. Davison, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; F. J. Moden, J.D.; F. Piggott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; F. C. Charlton, P.P.G. Stwd., Std. Br.; John Morley, Org.; W. James, I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.P.G. Treas., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Tyler. The new chief bestowed his collars with aptitude and tact, and presided over the banquet in an admirable manner.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, spoke of the grandeur of Freemasonry, and of the effective work shown in this ancient lodge. He did not remember hearing the charges more impressively given than had been done by Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., whilst the same excellence of work was shown by all those who took part in the ceremony of installation. It was a good thing to have in the province such an old lodge, especially when it was seen to be in such a state of efficiency. Bro. Colonel Caldwell also made pleasing reference to the ancient copperplate frontispiece to the lodge summons, which was of a most uncommon kind, and said that Freemasons would have to put their shoulders to the wheel to rival the high standard of efficiency and strength of that old lodge.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in felicitous terms.

The newly-installed W.M. had a hearty "send-off" in his year of office, not the least cordial greeting and good wishes coming from his mother lodge, at Leytonstone, through Bro. L. Lewis, P.M., and from his native town of Ipswich through Bro. A. Spalding, I.P.M., the other visitors responding being Bro. H. Trevor-Jones, P.M. 859, and Bro. W. Mills, of Dublin.

During the proceedings, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. L. Rutter by the Prov. Grand Master on behalf of the lodge.

Some excellent music was provided for the company, the glees by Messrs. Bilton and Driver, Bros. Duncombe and James, and Mr. Driver's songs being especially noteworthy.

Bedford Lodge, No. 157.

This centenary lodge held its installation meeting on the 10th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, under the able presidency of Bro. Layton A. Richardson, W.M. There were also present: Bros. E. F. Shoebridge, P.M., S.W.; H. W. Dyne, J.W. and W.M. elect; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Main, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Cox, J.D.; C. B. Weedon, I.G.; J. R. Hill, Stwd.; Past Masters J. Bruton, C. J. Turner, Ernest Jones, Vincent Lerner, and lay members Bros. H. Rogers, W. Smith, and J. J. Quemy. Visitors: Bros. Wm. T. Peat, W.M. 1656; F. C. Austin, P.M. 1733, P.P. D.G.D.C.; G. F. Smith, 1185; Wm. Graves, Org. 1688; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; G. Howard, 1732; Frederick Craggs, P.M. 834; G. J. Reed, P.M. 1910; A. Chapman, 834; T. C. Stevens, 1260; and J. Brown, P.M. 975.

Mr. William Edward Dyne, a cousin of the W.M. elect, was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and the ballot was unanimous in his favour, but, unfortunately, he was unable, through illness, to be present. The only ceremony, therefore, to be performed was the installation, and Bro. J. C. Main, P.M., and Sec. *pro tem.*, presented to Bro. J. Bruton, P.M.—who, at the request of Bro. Richardson, W.M., took the chair—Bro. Henry W. Dyne, J.W., and W.M. elect. Bro. Bruton then formally installed Bro. Dyne as W.M. of the lodge, and Bro. Richardson was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The other officers invested were Bros. E. F. Shoebridge, S.W.; R. C. Cork, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Main, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Hill, S.D.; C. B. Weedon, J.D.; G. H. Cox, I.G.; Vincent Lerner, P.M., and W. Smith, Stwds.; J. Bruton, P.M., D.C.; H. Rogers, A.D.C.; and Edward Mallett, Tyler. And here a very pretty and unique incident occurred. The outgoing Master, Bro. Richardson, desired the acceptance by the Tyler of a beautiful gold scarf pin, designed as a cable-tow in the form of a Staffordshire knot, and in making the presentation Bro. Richardson stated it was as a memento of his appreciation of the services of Bro. Mallett as Tyler of the lodge during his (Bro. Richardson's) year of office. Bro. Mallett having thanked Bro. Richardson in graceful terms, the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Main, P.M., and an elegant Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, and a Past Master's collar with a massive silver Past Master's jewel attached, bearing an inscription recording the object of the presentation, was handed to Bro. Richardson, who, after feelingly acknowledging the handsome gift, informed the brethren that he would act as Steward for the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1897, over which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside. The W.M., Bro. Dyne, said he should represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the same Institution on the 26th prox., when Lord George Hamilton, M.P., will preside. There were several communications read by the Secretary, among them being a letter from the son of the late Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M., P.G.P., and sympathetic references were made to the death of this old Past Master, and also Bro. William Holland, P.M.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general or the Bedford Lodge in particular, the W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, closed the lodge, and lost no time in requesting their attendance in Freemasons' Tavern at a choice banquet.

The brethren readily acceded to the requisition, and under the genial presidency of Bro. Dyne, whose Past Masters exhibited corresponding cordiality, enjoyed a bountiful repast.

This was followed by the usual toasts, and a capital vocal and instrumental concert by Mr. A. P. Mayes, Mr. C. Gaze, and Mr. F. Snelling (clarinet solos), with Bro. William Graves, solo pianist, conducting and accompanying.

Bro. H. W. Dyne, W.M., after having proposed "The Queen," in the course of proposing "The Prince of Wales," said, with reference to the Prince of Wales's connection with Freemasonry and the success of the Order, that no matter what a member of the English Royal Family took up "it always goes," and reminded them that members of the Royal Family had gone out to Ashanti.

Bro. Layton A. Richardson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that what the brethren had seen of Bro. Dyne in the working of the lodge that evening, and from what he had heard through brethren of other lodges, the new W.M. would be able to carry out his duties perfectly. That was saying a great deal for a brother who went into the chair. Bro. Dyne had undertaken the office of W.M. with a feeling not only of brotherly love, but of hearty interest in the Bedford Lodge, with a desire to improve it, by adding to its members, and correcting certain imperfections which had grown with time, and from which he (Bro. Richardson), as I.P.M., had been the highest and least sufferer. A number of small expenses, which were unnecessary, in the course of the year made a considerable amount, and if the W.M. struck out the line of reducing them, and making other improvements, the result would be that from a small lodge the Bedford would be raised to a large one, and have more members than it ever had had during the whole of its existence. Surely that was better than dying of inanition. Bro. Dyne had opened his year of office very auspiciously, and he asked the brethren to drink "Health and Prosperity and a Successful Year of Office to Bro. Dyne, W.M."

Bro. H. W. Dyne, W.M., acknowledged the warmth and cordiality of Bro. Richardson and the brethren, and said he was exceedingly pleased the brethren had reposed their confidence in him. He was delighted with their reception of him that evening. He was sure they were confident in him. Nothing would be wanting on his part to bring his year to a successful issue. He was very glad his cousin was about to be initiated, but was sorry that illness had prevented his coming up that evening. Bro. Main, P.M., had that night proposed another gentleman, and he (Bro. Dyne) was very anxious and eager to perform the ceremony, having a perfect knowledge of the ritual. Bro. Richardson had mentioned a few little alterations in the lodge which were in contemplation, and without specifying what they were, the brethren should understand that the Bedford was an antiquated lodge, and when young blood came in it did not always concur with the old. He, however, was always anxious to glean information from the older members, and if he was likely to go in a wrong course he would be glad if they would direct him in the way he should go. What alterations he proposed were what his conscience dictated were for the benefit of the lodge. As times now were, the lodge could not go on in the same style which had been adopted; the old ones hung on to their old traditions, and when they went off there was no one to work them. He should be very sorry if such a calamity occurred in the Bedford Lodge. He had the interests of the Bedford Lodge at heart, and nothing should be wanting on his part to do the best for its benefit, knowing as he did that he had the brethren's confidence.

Bro. H. W. Dyne, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M., Bro. Layton A. Richardson," said there was applicable to the I.P.M. Shakespeare's line in "As You Like It"—"You have deserved high commendation, true applause, and love"—he would be one of the best—he did not say the best—the Bedford Lodge had had during his (Bro. Dyne's) connection with it. Nothing had been wanting in the shape of activity and energy on Bro. Richardson's part for the benefit of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. It was impossible for him (Bro. Dyne) to sit there and carry out the musical programme in a manner it should be carried out, and as it was carried out by Bro. Richardson. Everything he had done for the Bedford Lodge was excellent. What Bro. Richardson had done that evening he (Bro. Dyne) had never seen before—the gracious act by which he recognised the services of the Tyler: it was a unique thing according to his experience. He could see a reason for Bro. Richardson doing it: it was because Bro. Mallett was elected Tyler during Bro. Richardson's year of office. It was a very handsome present, and he hoped all the brethren had examined it. All these things which he had done for the Bedford Lodge must have required a great deal of thought; it was something to be considered, and was very good and grand. It showed that even in respect to small details Bro. Richardson had not been neglectful of the happiness and comfort of the brethren.

Bro. L. A. Richardson, I.P.M., replying, said it was with a true pang he left the chair just as he was getting capable of filling it, but he thought the brethren had got some one better in his place. He thanked the brethren for the handsome Past Master's jewel they had presented to him, and also for the unexpected presentation in addition, contributed to by individual brethren, of the Past Master's collar and particularly handsome jewel. He really did not know what he had done to deserve such kindness. Still, he was especially proud of it, and all these jewels, collar, apron, &c., would be on view on Monday, the 13th instant, at his house, when he would celebrate his silver wedding. He must again thank one and all for the very kind expressions of sympathy proposed in open lodge and placed upon the minutes in the spring, when he had to do some work while he was in very great trouble thinking that the life of his wife would not be spared. These hearty sentiments of sympathy he should never forget, neither would his wife; they were conveyed from him to her, and were recorded on the minutes of the lodge. He thanked the brethren again most heartily, and he also had to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for sparing his dear wife to him through his year of office, and leaving the Master's chair, having her spared, he had the pleasant and proud position of thanking the brethren that he was a Past Master of the lodge, and that he had the brethren's sympathies. Although he had been disappointed of one or two initiates, one of them he knew would come forward later on, and he had one or two others in his eye who might possibly come during Bro. Dyne's year. He assured the brethren, in conclusion, that as long as he lived he should devote his attention to the happiness and benefit of the Bedford Lodge.

Bros. Bruton and Main responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," whom the W.M. described as having performed the ceremony most impressively, and in grand style, and Bro. Bruton having said that his part was not performed to his own satisfaction, and that he had made mistakes, although he was P. Prov. G.D. of C. of Essex, Bro. Main said he failed to see the mistakes. He and Bro. Bruton had always worked together well for years, and he hoped the younger members of the lodge would copy the example of Bro. Bruton. It was a great advantage to a lodge to have in it brethren who could perform the ceremonies at any moment. He (Bro. Main) was not quite satisfied with his performance, but, like Bro. Bruton, he of late had had a good deal of worry. The duties of Secretary he had undertaken had entailed on him an immense amount of attention, and thought, and work. It had been suggested that some one not a member of the lodge should do the installation, but that would not do for the Bedford Lodge. They respected any brother who was willing to assist, but as long as members of the lodge would perform the ceremony, they would retain the honour. He could assure the W.M. that the part he (Bro. Main) had taken was done with the greatest amount of pleasure, and so with any duties he had to perform for the lodge.

Bro. Turner, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Craggs and Brown to that of "The Visitors," and Bro. Main, responding to the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," said that the W.M. might reckon on his doing his best as Secretary. It was no novel thing to him, because he was Secretary to his mother lodge 18 months, when the lodge was a divided lodge: he left it a united lodge, and sank his own feelings over a certain subject. He followed by taking the Secretaryship, still being below the chair. He found the lodge in debt; in two years he left it with a balance of £12 10s. He had entered on the Secretaryship of the Bedford Lodge, hoping to see a great future for the lodge. The Secretary was a sort of standing counsel to the W.M. of a lodge, because when a W.M. first went into the chair he was getting an education; when he went out he was just beginning to know something about the subjects he had to deal with. It was the duty of the Secretary, if he had the knowledge, to instruct and coach the Master.

Bros. Hill, Cox, and Lerner also replied, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

A special emergency meeting of this lodge was called on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel. Among those present were Bros. G. Wainwright, acting W.M.; Henry Times, I.P.M.; J. Baggallay, S.W.; F. T. Rushton, acting J.W.; D. D. West, acting S.D.; Alfred P. Crabb, J.D.; Dale Hart, P.M.; W. G. Leman, Treas.; Aldridge, P.M.; W. C. Hulbert, Godfrey Sykes, and others.

The lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. E. Wainwright, and the special business of the evening was at once proceeded with. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of Mr. Albert Spencer Ellam and Captain Thomas Saurderson Angus, these gentlemen, being in attendance, were initiated.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a dinner, excellently arranged by Bro. Frank Blackley, the manager of the Inns of Court Hotel.

Thus being an emergency meeting, the speeches were confined to that of "The Initiates," which was eloquently responded to by Bros. Ellam and Captain Angus, and that of "The Acting W.M.," proposed in an amusing manner by Bro. Henry Times, I.P.M., and responded to very eloquently by Bro. Wainwright, who had undertaken the duties of W.M. at very short notice, owing to the unavoidable absence on the Continent of Bro. J. R. Drake, the Master of the lodge.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

There was a good attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 13th inst., when Bro. F. S. Plowright—who is also a founder and Secretary of the Barnet Lodge—was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. F. Haines, W.M.; F. S. Plowright, W.M. elect; T. Kington, J.W.; R. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Davey, P.M.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Fells, P.M., Stwd.; S. W. Fells; W. Belchamber, P.M.; S. Smither, P.M., and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. J. Mendoza was initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. Plowright, was then installed into the chair by Bro. Belchamber, P.M., the Preceptor of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Francis Haines, P.M., I.P.M.; T. Kington, S.W.; E. Pennock, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Davey, P.M., Sec.; G. Spice, S.D.; J. W. Simeons, J.D.; W. Cutting, I.G.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Fells, P.M., and M. Baillie, Stwds.; E. H. Lough, Org.; S. W. Fells, A.D.C.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The W.M., in a very able manner, passed Bro. D. S. Morris to the Second Degree. Bro. Fells, P.M., Stwd., consented to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Spice, S.D., also agreed to serve in the same capacity for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Other business was transacted, including the consideration of deserving appeals for assistance, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the customary toasts were given. Bro. F. Haines, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he was sure it would be received with the enthusiasm it deserved. Bro. Plowright was a good-tempered and genial Mason and a good worker, and would conduce to the good working and prosperity of the lodge. Having had the pleasure of working with the W.M. for some years, he could say he had always found him an excellent worker, so that the brethren might rest assured the office would be in good hands during the ensuing year.

Bro. F. S. Plowright, W.M., said the manner in which his health had been proposed and received was very gratifying to him, but the subject was unfortunately one he was unable to say much about. All he knew about himself was very creditable indeed, but was very confidential. The I.P.M. had been pleased to say some complimentary things about him, but he (the W.M.) would not tell them what he knew about himself, but simply thank them for the cordial reception given him.

The W.M. then proceeded to give "The I.P.M.," remarking that Bro. Haines, I.P.M., had conducted himself well during the last year, and had shown himself a genial, hearty brother. They all knew the I.P.M.'s character for uprightness, straightforwardness, and generous feeling, and it would be impossible to express one half they thought of him. He had great pleasure in presenting the I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel as an evidence of the sincere good feeling that existed in the lodge towards him, and trusted he would live many years to wear it.

Bro. F. Haines, I.P.M., acknowledged the kindly remarks of the W.M. He did not deserve one half of the W.M.'s praise, although he had, during his year of office, tried to do his duty to the best of his ability, and he was sure he had had a year of happiness. That happiness had been conducted to by the generous support given him by the whole of the lodge and every individual member. He was elected by the unanimous vote, and felt some regret in vacating the chair. Anything he could do as a Past Master it would be his love and duty to do. The crowning point of his happiness and pride was the presentation of the handsome jewel, which he hoped to wear for many years in their dear old lodge.

"The Initiate" was next given, Bro. Mendoza, in reply, asserting that it would ever be his ambition through life to be a credit to the lodge and the Craft.

Bro. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., acknowledged "The Visitors," and said he had known the lodge for a great number of years, and there was only one Past Master present whom he used to meet years ago, and that was their dear old Treasurer, Bro. Kershaw, P.M. When he was invited he would have thrown up any other engagement, because he knew they did not meet only for their own comfort round the festive board, but for the purpose of doing good to those who needed their help. He was delighted to hear the outspoken words of those brethren in the lodge who spoke of a case needing immediate assistance, and was delighted to find the lodge kept up its old traditions. That was true of Freemasonry. It was not liking to see their names as holding some office in the lodge, or as doing some wonderful work by initiating a large number of brethren, but it was having their heart and hand ready to help a brother in times of need. He said that for the benefit of the initiate, who might think he was above needing help, but he could tell him of those in far higher circles who had had to knock at the door of Masonry for assistance. He had never known a single instance where such assistance was not given. He was delighted that Bro. Fells, P.M., had consented to serve as Steward. He was also delighted to find the W.M. reigning over a happy and prosperous lodge, and hoped to be spared to see the initiate occupying that position. His object in visiting the lodge was to ask the brethren to help the Old People. Bro. Lord George Hamilton would take the chair in February, and they were pleased at the prospects, but however good they might be, they would have to shut out nearly 100 poor applicants. Each year the number of applicants seemed to increase, and each year they seemed to take on an extra number to try to meet the requirements. Unless they had a better Festival this year than they had had for the last four or five years it would be impossible to take an extra annuitant on. Last year Bro. Simeon took up £70 from that lodge, and he should like their friend, Bro. Fells, P.M., to exceed that amount.

Bros. Rev. C. Gardner, Gabb, W.M. 1612; J. K. Pill, P.M.; Jordan, W.M. 1172; and Bussey, P.M. 1928, also replied.

Other toasts were given before a successful evening terminated.

In a long musical programme the following brethren assisted—Bros. Wingrove Ives, R. Hopkins (who was ecored for splendid selections on the silver bells), E. J. Davey, C. Farris, R. Gilmore, Frank Silvester, and others.

Zetland Lodge, No. 852.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Islington-crescent, Salford. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, and the lodge was opened by Bro. R. B. Robinson, W.M., assisted by his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. Bro. Robinson, W.M., who installed his successor, appointed Bros. T. Pike, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.W.; Woolley, P.M., as J.W.; and J. Booth, P.M., as I.G. The latter presented Bro. A. W. Sidebottom, S.W., W.M. elect, who was duly inducted into the chair, and proclaimed and saluted in each Degree. Bro. Blackwell, P.M., presented the tools in the Third Degree, and Bro. Woolley, P.M., in the Second and First. Bro. Pike, P.M., addressed the W.M. and brethren generally, and Bro. Woolley the Wardens. The following were invested by the W.M., and addressed by Bro. Wheeler, P.M.: Bros. W. Hulme, S.W.; W. Ison, J.W.; J. Thornley, Chap; J. Fulford, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Walley, Sec.; J. A. Turner, S.D.; J. W. Booth, P.M., D.C.; J. Laycock, Org.; J. Bradbury, I.G.; J. Ingram, J. J. Shawcross, A. Downes, J. Ingle, and Page, Stwds.; and the W.M., Bro. A. W. Sidebottom, was elected Charity Representative. During the evening a magnificent 18-carat gold jewel was presented to the retiring Master for his valuable services during the last 12 months, which was duly acknowledged by him in a short speech.

The lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren partook of a banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by several well-known brethren.

The following were present: Bros. R. B. Robinson, W.M.; J. Willis, I.P.M.; T. Hulme, J.W.; J. Bradbury, Sec.; W. Ison, S.D.; T. A. Turner, J.D.; C. Hackin, I.G.; J. R. Neale, I. Pike, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Blackwell, P.M.; J. W. Booth, P.M.; J. Beardmore, P.M.; J. Ingle, Arthur Rawlinson, T. Williams, J. Cooper, J. Thornley, J. D. Walley, J. Metcalf, J. J. Shawcross, J. Laycock, E. Denon, G. Sidebottom, W. Thompson, W. Ingram, E. Peat, F. S. Leigh, C. Garner, J. Smith, A. Birch, J. W. Porter, H. Gee, S. W. Watson, and R. Sorrell. Visitors: Bros. W. Richardson, W.M. 935; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec., Sec. East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution; J. Clough, W.M.; A. Hibbert, W.M. 325; W. Martin, W.M. 992; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancs; W. Taylor, S.W. 1923; J. W. McCullough, and J. Hipon, S.W. 321.

PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG, who is serving on the staff of the expedition to Ashantee, and had advanced with the headquarters, has been attacked by malarial fever, and it has been found necessary to convey him to Cape Coast Castle.

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Our readers will probably have noted in our report of the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School on the 9th instant, which appeared in our issue of last

week, that on the motion of Bro. Attenborough seconded by Bro. Duret, a recommendation was adopted to the General Committee to re-consider the cases of two children who had been rejected by the Petitions' Committee on the ground that they were born many years after their respective fathers had ceased to be subscribing members to any lodge, though they (the fathers) had been subscribing members for the qualifying period of seven years. A similar case was mentioned in our report the week previous of the meeting on the 27th ult. of the Council of the Boys' School, when a candidate's petition was rejected because the father had ceased to be a subscribing member 21 years before the lad was born, and this, too, at the Quarterly General Court on the 10th instant was brought to the notice of the Governors. As the Girls' School case is still under consideration, we shall offer no opinion on the rejections. But there can be no objection to our recording the fact that no such reservation as regards the time when the father may have ceased to be a subscribing member to a lodge is to be found in the laws of either Institution.

The Girls' School Law (No. 79) is as follows: "No Girl shall be eligible as a Candidate for admission to the benefits of the Institution until a Petition has been presented on her behalf containing the information hereinafter requested, nor unless her Father has been a Subscribing Member of a Lodge under the English Constitutions, for seven years, except in the case of Death, or of his having been afflicted with some infirmity or misfortune, permanently incapacitating him from earning his livelihood. In such excepted cases the Father must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge under the English Constitutions, for three years."

The Boys' School Law (No. 72) reads thus—"A Boy shall not be eligible as a Candidate for Election until a Petition has been presented on his behalf containing the information hereinbefore mentioned (see Law 71), nor unless his Father has been a Subscribing Member to some Lodge for seven years. But should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by lunacy, paralysis, blindness, fire, shipwreck, or other calamity have occurred within seven years of his initiation, the Rule shall not apply, provided that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

Among the latest contributions to the Scholarship Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is a sum of £21 voted by the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, of which of our respected friend, Bro. E. P. Valeriani, is P.M. and Sec., at its recent annual meeting. This is the highest sum contributed by any single lodge up to the present time.

It is evident from the report we have received of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay at its 68th half-yearly Communication, on the 28th November last, that His Excellency, Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Pro District Grand Master, is making himself exceedingly popular among the brethren by the interest he takes in their doings. His lordship was prevented by his public duties from presiding on the occasion, but Bro. H. Wynford Barrow, Past D.D.G.M., who occupied the chair as District G.M., referred to the desire exhibited by Lord Sandhurst to become acquainted with the various lodges under his charge, and stated that since his lordship's visit to Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, Poona, in October, he had been present at a meeting of Union Lodge, No. 767, Karachi, and had met with a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. We rejoice to find that such excellent relations are rapidly being established between the *alter ego* of the Duke of Connaught, District G.M., and the lodges in Bombay and its Dependencies.

It is worthy of mention as showing the esteem and respect which are entertained towards Bro. Smith, the M.W.G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, that at St. Andrew's Festival on the 30th November last, the brethren presented their distinguished chief with a handsomely-illuminated address, together with a jug and salver and a carriage, on the occasion of his marriage, "as a proof of their regard." The presentation was made by Bro. W. L. Harvey, Grand Master Depute, and in the course of the address there occurred the following paragraph: "The urbanity, tact, judgment, and ability with which you have discharged the responsible duties of the office of Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India have won for you the esteem and regard of all under your rule." Both in Grand Lodge, where the presentation took place, and at the banquet which followed, Bro. Smith gracefully acknowledged the kindness of the brethren.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

"OUR BROTHER'S BED."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me state, for the information of those brethren and lodges that responded to our appeal in your columns, that the list of contributors for 1895 is now in the hands of the printers, and that a copy will be forwarded to every donor in due course. The required amount was raised for last year, and I trust our brethren will continue their support for this special bed, which saved two worthy brethren from death in the workhouse during the year just ended.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON, 1383, Hon. Sec.
281, Strand, W.C., January 16th.

Reviews.

"St. PAUL'S."—(By Bro. T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br. Author of "Westminster Abbey," "The Tower of London," &c.)—No visitor to London should be without the three poems in which Bro. Walls has fitly and beautifully enhanced our appreciation of her three greatest buildings. Indeed, Londoners themselves think far too little of these monuments of antiquity in our midst, and we can recommend Bro. Walls's poem to many who imagine themselves fairly acquainted with the history of their great city. It is a very happy circumstance that Bro. Walls is a competent historian as well as a graceful poet, for the two things are rarely combined. In the poem before us, the writer, "in a dreamer's mantle clad," passes in review the various striking incidents in the history of Old and New St. Paul's, and we propose to select two stanzas—one from the earlier and one from the later portion of the poem—in order to show that Bro. Walls is equally at home in all periods of English history—

"Gory Senlac's victor, Normandy's warlike Duke,
To London's fane a Prelate gave endeared to all.
His tomb for ages in great reverence was held;
'Good Bishop William' was he called, and known to fame.
The year that saw the death of England's Norman king
Alas! proved fatal to the City's ancient shrine.
The god of fire with ruthless zeal the structure razed,
Black remains, ruined walls, where once resplendence reigned."

We think it would be difficult to say more in eight lines. There is not a word that might not be with advantage committed to memory; and, for our part, we find the Alexandrine line (which Bro. Walls will no doubt make popular) particularly easy to learn by heart. After all, the 12-syllable line was the line of the Greek dramatists, and is still the orthodox line of poetry in France. In England, unfortunately, poets are, as a rule, unable to break away from the 10-syllable English metre, and Bro. Walls has shown moral courage, as well as originality, in so doing. The truth is that the 10-syllable line suits one kind of poetry, and the 12-syllable line another. Bro. Walls does not confine his attention to kings and generals. He is equally well acquainted with those who have made their country famous in the arts—painters, scholars, and literary men. Let us look at this instructive stanza—

"Opie, who was for a space the wonder of his age,
Lies near gentle Joshua, his friend and patron true.
What an array of great names to memory crowd;
West, Laurence, Dance, and Barry, Erin's clever son,
Here mingle their dust in noble company.
Old Fuseli, the Poë of the pencil weird,
Turner whose matchless works with wealth of colour glow,
And other gifted souls of lesser fame lie there."

St. Paul's is, indeed, a Pantheon (as Bro. Walls says later on) of great Englishmen, and it is a temple of which we all ought to be proud. In this poem, as in his former ones, Bro. Walls shows the deep patriotism of his thoroughly English heart; and we think that nothing but good can result from a study of his works, not only from the literary point of view, but also as works leading to a stirring of our English spirit.

MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SURREY. Issued under the authority of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. Edited by W. Bro. Chas. Thos. Tyler, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary of Surrey, and Bro. W. A. Latham, Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary of Surrey. London: Printed by John Truscott and Son, Suffolk-lane, E.C.—Any addition to the number of Provincial Calendars that are annually published must always be most welcome, and when that addition relates to the important Province of Surrey, and contains such a mass of interesting and valuable information as the joint Editors, Bros. C. T. Tyler and W. A. Latham, respectively Prov. Grand Secretary and Asst. Prov. Grand Secretary, have accumulated it is needless to say the welcome we extend to it is of the most cordial nature. This is not the first Calendar that has been issued for Surrey; Bro. Charles Greenwood, the late Prov. Grand Secretary, having compiled one in 1892, to which the Editors of the present issue tender their grateful acknowledgments; but we judge, from the invitations addressed to Secretaries, Scribes E., and others to forward suggestions, corrections, returns, &c., &c., that it is in contemplation to publish one annually. Indeed, having made so admirable a start, it would be a great pity if for lack of support and encouragement or other reasonable cause the compilers of this annual should feel themselves under the necessity of discontinuing it. They have done their part well. The Preface contains a short account of Surrey as a Province, with particulars relating to the Masonic career of each successive ruler. Then follows a table headed—"The Royal Family and Freemasonry," in which are given in chronological order the leading events in Freemasonry in which members of the Royal Family who have been, or are Masons, have taken part. Then follows a Masonic Calendar, with instructions how to find the year for the various branches of Masonry as compared with the ordinary Calendar, and then the officers for the current year of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, and certain statistics relating to the strength of Masonry in the County, with annual statement of accounts, and reports of the various Provincial Committees. A complete roll of the Prov. Grand Officers from 1837 is followed by lists and particulars relating to each lodge, in numerical order, together with the needful particulars relating to Lodges of Instruction. Similar information is furnished in respect of Royal Arch Masonry, the Mark Degree, and Templar Masonry, there being lists of the Officers of Grand and Prov. Grand Chapter, and of Private Chapters, as well as of the Mark Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge, Private Mark Lodges, and Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners; and of the one Preceptory of Knights Templar in Surrey. There are also furnished Memoranda of interest to Freemasons generally, and full particulars, but in a concise form, relating to each of the three great Masonic Institutions; and lastly, a Calendar containing dates of meeting of the various Masonic bodies in Surrey, each page of Calendar having a blank page opposite for entering engagements. In short, the new "Masonic Calendar and Directory for Surrey" has all the appearance of being very carefully compiled, and contains just that amount of information relating to general and local Masonry to which it is most desirable that individual brethren should have ready access. We congratulate Bros. Tyler and Latham on the care and ability they have shown in their compilation.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASON"—Calcutta—for December contains a further instalment of Bro. Andrew D'Cruze, jun.'s, "History of Freemasonry in Bengal," as compiled by him from the records of the District Grand Lodge. There are also reports of the proceedings at the regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab on the 9th September last; of a special convocation of the Grand Chapter of the same District on the 11th of the same month; of the regular convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter (S.C.) at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on the 2nd September; and of the St. Andrew's Festival of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India in Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on the 30th November; together with those of various private lodges and chapters, with Notes, quoted articles, and other matter of interest to brethren. It is, indeed, an excellent number, with plenty of information relating to current Freemasonry in India.

"THE SQUARE AND COMPASS"—Denver, Colorado—for last month has an excellent programme of original and quoted matter. Under the former we have "A Backward Glance," from the report on Correspondence to Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1895, by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, in which are given the opinions of Bros. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould on the subject of Masonic Degrees, Bro. Greenleaf himself, in the course of his own remarks, expressing his belief that the "component parts or Degrees" of our Masonic symbolism "are so interwoven and interdependent that the theory that any one of them ever stood for Freemasonry at any period of its existence seems untenable." There are also Notes, and quite a number of reports of the meetings of lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies, which are for the most part locally interesting, but from which we are able to form a tolerably clear idea of the admirable manner in which the duties of these bodies are carried on in Colorado.

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BARTON LODGE CENTENARY.

The *Canadian Craftsman* for December, 1895, is a most interesting number and a great credit to editor and publisher, because of the space devoted to the "Barton Masonic Lodge Centennial," and the valuable information afforded as to the early records of that old and venerated lodge. The lodge was formed by a Provincial Dispensation on 20th November, 1795, the first meeting apparently for business being on 31st January, 1796. At the head of the able sketch of its history is a representation of the arms or seal of the lodge, having as supporters a *beaver* and a *sheep*. Fifty-seven names are appended to the original by-laws, *facsimiles* of these being reproduced in the magazine and likewise particulars of the fees for warrant and dues of November, 1795, and the receipt of the money, dated March 14th, 1796, from "D. Phelps, G. Secy." No portion of the payment seems to have found its way to head-quarters, so that the lodge was not registered until 28th August, 1844, in our Grand Lodge, when a warrant was granted and the number 733 was allotted, on due payment. I maintain, however, that the date of the lodge should be recognised on our books as from 1795, it being no fault of the members that the fees were not paid by the Grand Lodge representative. The locality is given as Hamilton, but the lodge assembled in the neighbourhood some 18 years before that place "was known even as a village." It was "No. 10 Athol Provincial," according to Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," and was removed from our register in 1861, being now No. 6, Grand Lodge of Canada. There are several plates of illustrations, over 50 Past Masters being represented therein in full Masonic clothing, the frontispiece being especially artistic. I anticipate that the M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M., will have a lot to say about this old lodge in his great history of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on the 7th instant, when there was a "record" attendance of brethren. There were several particularly interesting features in the proceedings, including the presentation of special jewels to Bros. Friend, P.M., Treas., and Harvey, P.M., Sec., for long and faithful service, the installation of Bro. Sydney H. Meyers as W.M. by Bro. Poupart, P.M., who had the pleasure of initiating him seven years ago, and the appearance of the father of the lodge—Bro. Vallentine, P.G.P.—in improved health.

The members of the lodge present included Bros. R. Stratton Gerrish, W.M.; S. H. Meyers, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Dennis, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Cain, S.D.; F. C. Evans, J.D.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., D.C.; J. Pritchard, P.M., Org.; J. R. Francis, I.G.; E. H. Bradley, Stwd.; G. A. Bickerton, P.M.; W. Poupart, P.M.; W. Willey, P.M.; S. Vallentine, P.M., P.G.P.; G. Russell Beardmore, P.M.; H. Gow White, and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Parsons, 1627; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; H. E. Walker, W.M. 1614; C. T. Rayner, J.W. 2580; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 179; J. Hills, J.W. 1441; H. J. Abrahams, S.W. 2580; H. N. Morgan, 1158; E. C. Holland, 3; R. J. Steel, J.W. 2012; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; A. Appleby; J. M. Myers, P.M. 185; R. R. Banks, 1347; J. H. Pavitt; S. D. Isaacs, 185; F. Hurdle, 15; W. A. Dowling, P.M. 2012; J. P. Hay, P.M. 1627; C. Townley, 2190; C. J. Page, S.D. 190; J. Bartlett, Org. 2030; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; W. Bradford, I.G. 2168; J. Brinkley, 959; J. Millen, 2184; J. W. Gibb, P.M. 1804; G. H. Foan, P.M. 1614; A. Cocks, I.P.M. 959; J. M. Whitehead, D.P.G.M. Aberdeen; F. J. Whitehead, W.M. 761; E. Phillips, W.M. 2400; H. Bott, P.M. 2400; C. Dearing, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Slater, J.W. 2409; J. F. C. Bell, 59; A. J. Millington, 1227; F. Izard, I.G. 1017; and H. Dare, 1385.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. D. Cartwright was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. J. F. C. Bell was elected a joining member. Bro. Poupart, P.M., then assumed the chair and impressively installed Bro. S. H. Meyers as W.M. The following officers were invested—Bros. E. Stratton Gerrish, I.P.M.; Walter Dennis, S.W.; H. F. Cain, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treasurer; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Secretary; F. C. Evans, S.D.; J. R. Francis, J.D.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., D. of C.; A. G. Pritchard, P.M., Org.; F. B. Smith, I.G.; E. H. Bradley, P.M., Stwd.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. In investing Bros. Friend, P.M., Treas., and Harvey, P.M., Sec., the W.M. referred to the excellent services rendered by these brethren to the lodge and presented them with a specially designed jewel as a mark of the appreciation of the members. A handsome Past Master's jewel, and collar and jewel were presented to Bro. Stratton Gerrish, I.P.M., in recognition of services in the chair during one of the most successful years known in the lodge. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will represent the lodge as Steward.

The lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made to Freemasons' Tavern, where a well-served banquet was enjoyed. The usual toasts were subsequently given, the W.M. setting an excellent example in the brevity of his remarks.

Bro. S. Vallentine, P.G.P., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said their kindly reception had touched him very much. He was once a strong young son in Freemasonry and in his old age it was gratifying to find his conduct approved by them. During the time he had been a Mason he had done his best for the benefit of Freemasonry. It took him 45 years to attain Grand Office. He was proud of that position and also of the fact that his conduct had given them satisfaction.

Bro. Stratton Gerrish, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said it was particularly gratifying to him to be able to propose that toast. They were initiated in the same evening, and had climbed the ladder step by step until they reached the chair, and it was only the merest chance that Bro. Meyers followed, instead of preceding him. Of the Worshipful Master's many good points he should say but little, as he was well known to the members, who keenly appreciated the genial spirit and hearty good fellowship that always distinguished him. They had hoped to hear the W.M. render the initiation ceremony that evening, but they were well aware he was as perfect in that work as he had proved himself in the other offices. As W.M., they might rest assured the ancient warrant would be in safe keeping. That night Bro. Meyers also figured before them as their Charity representative, and there was no doubt they might look to him to beat records, and place that lodge in a higher position. They hoped the W.M. would have a successful year, and afterwards be spared as a Past Master to continue the useful work he was so well qualified to give. In congratulating Bro. Meyers as W.M. they also congratulated themselves, for their old lodge was particularly fortunate in being able to look forward with confidence to a happy and successful year of work under his rule.

Bro. S. H. Meyers, W.M., who was accorded an enthusiastic reception, said that when he was initiated seven years ago he made up his mind to climb up the ladder and arrive at the chair of the lodge. Owing to various circumstances, it had not taken so long as he had anticipated, but he hoped he had given satisfaction in the offices he had held. The I.P.M. had spoken of what he could do; but through some unavoidable circumstances they had been unable to see his working that evening. He hoped on a future occasion they would be able to judge whether he was worthy of the reception given him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he was proposed in the lodge, initiated, passed, and raised by Bro. Poupart, and now that brother had finished by installing him in the chair. When Bro. Poupart, P.M., occupied the chair he was a delightful Master, but he had not been able to be with them lately as much as they wished.

Bro. W. Poupart, P.M., said they would all have been delighted if Bro. Vallentine, P.M., had continued his long series of years as Installing Master. He (Bro. Poupart) had been asked to perform the ceremony, and had rendered it to the best of his ability. It was a delight to him to install his first initiate, and he knew Bro. Meyers would be a good Master.

Bro. W. Dennis, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters," and said the members appreciated very highly the valuable services rendered to the Albion Lodge by the Past Masters. After an absence of some time they welcomed back Bro. Willey, P.M., most heartily, and hoped he would be with them more often in the future.

Bro. W. Willey, P.M., replied, and expressed his pleasure at being present. Everything had been done by the Past Masters in brotherly love and kindness, and they were glad so many had been spared in good health. They had seen the excellent working of Bro. Poupart, P.M., who was an excellent and zealous Mason. In the future the Past Masters would do everything they could to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and contribute as far as they could to its good working.

Bro. Stratton Gerrish, I.P.M., also replied, and thanked Bro. Harvey, P.M. and Sec., for his labours on behalf of the lodge, especially during the past year. Few knew how much devolved upon the Secretary, and how much the lodge was indebted to him in conjunction with Bro. Friend, P.M. and Treas.

"The Visitors" and "The Masonic Charities," and other toasts were given, before the proceedings terminated.

Special mention should be made of an excellent programme of music carried out under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., assisted by Bro. Walter Churcher, Mr. Chas. Capper, and the Schartau Part Singers. The various items rendered by the latter quartette were distinguished by delicacy, expression, and taste, whilst the quaint humour of several selections was also appreciated and admired.

Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.

The installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 9th inst., when there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. J. W. Drysdale, W.M.; Geo. R. Kennedy, S.W.; W.M. elect; J. Sharpe, J.W.; H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., Sec.; C. A. Rhodes, S.D.; Albert Leighton, I.G.; J. Kennedy, P.M.; J. T. Rushton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. Oliver, E. L. Keates, R. M. Minton Senhouse, W. E. Boucher, F. P. Lysaght, and S. A. Waterhouse. Visitors: Bros. S. Barker, 92; C. J. Wade, P.M. 180; C. Needham, 2381; Rev. H. F. Oliver, P.P.G. Chap. Berks and Bucks; W. G. Kentish, P.P.G.D. Middx.; L. H. Bazalgetti, W. Keates, E. E. Barron, P.G. Stwd.; E. A. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; D. D. West, I.P.M. 108; F. J. Beamish (I.C.); J. B. Lee, 1328; P. A. Scratchley, P.M. 10; W. Vaughan Morgan, P.M. 96; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D.; T. G. Burmeston, 187; W. P. Fuller, 8; C. H. Denny, S.W. 1671; G. D. Lester, W.M. 46, G. Stwd.; Mostyn T. Pigott, P.P.G.O.; R. D. Sweeting, P.P.G.O.; T. Barnes Williams, 197; E. P. D. Croxall, J.W. 478; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Geo. R. Kennedy was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being very impressively rendered by Bro. Drysdale, I.P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Sharpe, S.W.; C. A. Rhodes, J.W.; Hy. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., Sec.; Albert Leighton, S.D.; R. M. Minton Senhouse, J.D.; and S. H. Waterhouse, I.G. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., who was unanimously re-elected Treasurer at the last meeting, having left town for the benefit of his health, his investiture was postponed. The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of valuable services rendered as W.M., and the gift was suitably acknowledged. A donation was made to the Kirby Memorial Fund, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to a choice repast, which fully sustained the reputation of this famous hostelry.

The usual toasts were afterwards heartily given.

Bro. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that in his experience he had found Masonic orators were distinguished by three characteristics. They did not know how to begin, did not talk about the subject before them, and did not know when to leave off. The W.M. had shown he possessed none of those qualifications, and had indeed left off too soon. The toast included the names of those who had done great service to Masonry like the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master and many others whose names were familiar. There were also those who had rendered service to the State, including several members in the Cabinet of the present Government, generals like Lords Wolseley and Roberts and Admiral Markham. He was pleased to be present to witness the installation of an old friend, whose friendship dated back for many more years than he cared to remember. Bro. Kennedy possessed all the qualifications for the Master's chair, and he (Bro. Robbins) would look back upon that evening with the greatest satisfaction.

Bro. J. W. Drysdale, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that after the enthusiastic manner in which the mention of that toast had been received, no eloquence would be necessary to secure a cordial reception for it. There was one point he would like to emphasise, which was to congratulate the W.M. on the fact that he was metaphorically, and in reality, a child of the lodge. He had a very pleasing reminiscence of the day on which Bro. Kennedy was initiated, as he had to take an active part in the ceremony as the junior officer. Bro. Kennedy was initiated, passed, and raised in that lodge, but it did not often fall to the lot of a Mason to find himself in the exalted position of Master of his mother lodge. They all wished him health and strength to perform the duties of his important trust, and, in conclusion, he did not think he could do better than repeat a few words applied to the victorious knight—"Be faithful, be generous, be fortunate."

Bro. G. R. Kennedy, W.M., said he could hardly find words to express his grateful thanks to the I.P.M. for the very kind way in which he had introduced his name to the lodge, and for the cordial reception given the toast. The I.P.M. had well said there could not be a prouder moment than to be installed in the chair of a lodge in which he was initiated and passed through all the offices. In that happy position, he (the W.M.) found himself, and he begged to thank the I.P.M. for the able and feeling manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. He knew he should be a very inefficient Master, judging by the standard of his predecessors. Perhaps, in some lodges he might pass muster with some degree of credit, but in that lodge they had recently had Masters whose knowledge of the ritual was proverbial, and whose knowledge of Masonic detail it was impossible for him to emulate. He knew he should have the efficient and willing help of the I.P.M. and other Past Masters, and also of the general body of the lodge, in which he had spent many years of his life, and in which he had never passed an unhappy hour. However great his sins of omission or commission might be, he knew he should always receive the greatest kindness and consideration from the brethren who knew he had at heart the welfare and dignity of the lodge, which he should do his best to uphold.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that in the event of a plethora of work he should claim their assistance, for the Past Masters were the reserve strength of the lodge.

Bro. J. W. Drysdale, I.P.M., in responding, said that occasion had been one of the greatest pleasures of his life, and he should look back with satisfaction at the privilege he enjoyed of installing his successor—and a worthy successor. On the part of the Past Masters, he could assure the W.M. their support would be always forthcoming. They all regretted the absence of Bro. Sudlow, whose thoughts, he was sure, were with them.

Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.P.G.D. Middx., responding for "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present among so many old friends. The programme of music had been of the best quality, and had been thoroughly enjoyed.

Bros. Lister, Barron, P.G. Stwd.; Scratchley, P.P.G. Reg.; and Morgan also replied.

Bro. H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and regretted the Treasurer was not present to respond for himself. He regretted Bro. Sudlow's ill-health had obliged him to go away, but hoped that at their next meeting he would enjoy the good health he had gone to seek. The Treasurer was exact and exacting, and the brethren need fear nothing while he occupied the post. He (the Secretary) had enjoyed the pleasure for eight years of serving the lodge as Secretary. It was not an easy position in any lodge, but in the Bank of England Lodge it was easier than in most lodges. It was a pleasure to serve the W.M., and the brethren were satisfied. He thanked them all for the support given him, and also for their appreciation of his services.

"The Officers," replied to by Bro. Sharpe, S.W., concluded an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., directed the musical arrangements, which reflected the highest credit on all concerned. Bro. J. A. Hamilton presided over the instrumental music during banquet. Bros. E. Branscombe and Vingrove Ives were in excellent voice in several songs; Bro. R. Hopkins, the Royal Campanologist, once more evinced his skill with the silver bells, and gained the customary encore, and Bro. Schartau supplied the humour in several capital items.

Bank Terrace Lodge, No. 462.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington. The brethren assembled at two o'clock, Bro. D. C. Dewhurst, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, and, proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Whittaker Bond, P.D.G.D.C. West Lancs, assumed the chair as Installing Master. Bro. James Walmsley, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. D. C. Dewhurst, I.P.M., and he was inducted into the chair in due form, and saluted and proclaimed in the various Degrees. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. D. C. Dewhurst, I.P.M.; Jacob Bridge, S.W.; Elwin Welch, J.W.; J. Hindle, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.B., Chap.; Thomas Cunliff, P.M., Treas.; William Ormerod, P.M., Almoner, Sec.; J. W. Clough, S.D.; F. A. Frankland, J.D.; R. F. Ware, I.G.; John Holmes, Wm. John Whittaker, and F. W. Bateson, Stewards; John Whittaker, Org.; J. W. Clough, Charity Representative; and Wm. Rodgers, P.M., Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. J. Walmsley, W.M., presented four Past Masters of the lodge with handsome gold jewels. Bro. W. Ormerod, P.M., Sec., was presented with a Past Master's collar and jewel for the great ability and unceasing labour for the benefit of the lodge for many years past.

The following brethren were present: Bros. D. C. Dewhurst, W.M.; James Walmsley, S.W.; Jacob Bridge, J.W.; T. Cunliffe, Treas.; W. Ormerod, P.M., Sec.; E. Welch, S.D.; James W. Clough, J.D.; F. H. Irvine, Org.; F. A. Frankland, I.G.; R. T. More, Stwd.; W. Rodgers, P.M., Tyler; T. Bentley, W. Carter, G. Rushto, Jos. Thompson, W. Birtwistle, J. Whittaker, A. Pilling, J. Rigg, jun., W. J. Whittaker, F. Bateson, W. Robinson, S. Harker, H. Woodington, E. Knowles, P.M.; J. Turner, P.M.; H. Goddard, P.M.; E. Walsh, P.M.; R. Rushton, P.M.; R. Anderton, P.M.; and W. Worsh, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Whittaker Bond, P.D.G.D.C. West Lancs; James Taylor; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs; John Dewhurst, P.G.S.B.; T. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Freeman, P.M.; J. Parkinson, P.M.; P. Harlane, P.M.; W. G. Whiteside, W. James, J. Hargreaves, P.M.; J. Barrett, J. Blearsdale, W. Longbottom, P.M.; R. Exoline, J. Tennant, R. Pickup, R. Duxbury, D. Sheffield, and H. H. Baldwin.

Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Challoner-street, Cocker-mouth, on the 7th inst., when Bro. John Pearson Bennett was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Among the members present were Bros. A. Entwistle, W.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; Hy. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Armstrong, P.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; J. P. Bennett, S.W.; Jos. O. Scott, S.D., and others. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Milburn, P.M. 371; H. G. Scott, 1068; J. Bouch, W.M. 962, P.G.S.; J. T. Walker, J. W. Carmichael, S.D.; J. Walker, D. of C. 1400; Hy. Hartley, P.M. 1669, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.P.G.S.B., and others.

After the lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., took the chair, and installed the W.M. in a manner only possible when a perfect knowledge of the ritual and a commanding presence are combined, and for which he received the hearty vote of thanks of the lodge. The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Entwistle, I.P.M.; Jos. O. Scott, S.W.; E. Jackson, J.W.; E. Soulsby, S.D.; Thos. Atkinson, J.D.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap.; T. Mason, Treas.; W. W. M. Sewell, Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org.; Hy. Peacock, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent dinner was served under the personal superintendance of Bro. Peacock, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts submitted.

Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

The regular meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. There was a very large attendance of brethren, Bro. Harold Waterhouse, W.M., presiding, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which there were two raisings, which ceremonies were performed respectively by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C., and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Duffin, giving the traditional history. We need scarcely remark that both ceremonies were beautifully and impressively rendered.

The following were amongst those present: Bros. H. Waterhouse, W.M.; C. Driver, I.P.M.; R. W. Martin, S.W.; Jas. Green, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M. 2359, S.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D.C.; W. E. Hand, I.G.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. E. and W. Lancs.; W. J. Wright, Stwd.; E. Webb, P.M.; B. Eckersley, P.M.; J. W. Nicholls, P.M.; E. H. Flower, P.G.T.; James Holt, W. Millinson, G. Swanbrick, J. Ogden, S. Ormes, Samuels, Thos. H. Drew, and F. Brierley. Visitors: Bros. Thos. C. Olney, Thos. J. Massman, C. H. Clubb, E. Howarth, F. Ridsdale Bowley, P.M., and R. Urquhart, Jerusalem.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. Cox, W.M.; J. A. Blount, S.W.; D. C. Ritchie, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Harrison, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; C. Hirst, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; W. Taylor and F. W. White, Stwds.; R. Loomes, I.P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts; H. B. Harding, P.M.; D. C. Attwater, G. A. Hopkins, W. S. Woolcott, T. Spotswood, E. A. Wagstaff, W. Chetwin, Aug. Krusche, W. A. G. ring, F. Amand, J. Lefever, A. Henning, F. H. Marggraf, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, C. Weber, J. Johnson, T. H. Palmer, W. Pannell, G. E. Walker, F. Simmonds, P. Faber, G. Yexley, T. E. Newman, and E. H. Bury. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Cheverton, 1632; and J. R. Carter, I.G. 2501.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. J. Lefever was raised and Bro. T. H. Palmer passed. The election of a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was the next business, and Bro. D. C. Ritchie was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Napper, P.M., was re-elected Treas. Bro. G. Couchman was also re-elected Tyler. An Audit Committee having been appointed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a very enjoyable repast. The usual toasts were given and some excellent music, which was much appreciated, Bros. Henning, Attwater, Isler, and others contributing songs; Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O., accompanying.

Red Rose of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1504.

The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at the Conservative Club Lecture Room, Padham. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Pollard, P.P.G.P., W.M., assisted by the officers. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., assumed the chair, and in his well-known impressive manner installed Bro. Dr. Geo. Grant, W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., after which the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. J. W. Houlden, S.W.; A. Cran, M.B., J.W.; Rev. J. A. Latham, Chap.; J. Gregson, P.M., Treas.; C. Ainsworth, Sec.; J. H. Ainsworth, S.D.; F. W. Steele, J.D.; F. L. Riley, P.M., I.G.; A. M. Hanson, Org.; J. R. Thompson, I.G.; T. H. Thompson and F. Bertwhistle, Stewards; and W. Huck, Tyler. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Josiah Pollard, and Bro. Sillitoe delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

In addition to those named above, there were present Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie; J. E. Sherburne, P.M.; James Sutcliffe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Stuttard, P.M.; Michael Ingham, Alfred Thompson, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br.; R. Thompson, W.M. 2592; A. Temple, W.M. 1064; John Bleazard, P.M.; J. H. Halliwell, W.M. 401; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.M. 1064, P.G.R.; J. Newton, P.M. 37, P.A.G. Sec.; John Chaffer, W.M. 288; J. W. Jobling, 126; J. Taylor, 713 (S.C.); J. S. Reeves, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Hambley, P.M.; J. Walmsley, 1064; J. Proctor; M. Watson, 126; and W. Astley, 2193.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Starkie Arms, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Grant, supported by the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Starkie, and other Prov. Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren.

The toast list was judiciously curtailed, but some excellent speeches were made, especially by the W.M. and the P.G.M.

Songs were admirably rendered by the musical brethren present, and altogether the entertainment was most enjoyable.

Robinson Lodge, No. 2046.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. W. J. Jenkinson, W.M.; T. G. Dickinson, S.W.; F. W. Wright, acting J.W.; W. B. Stoneham, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Groom, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Dyke, S.D.; L. W. Stansell, J.D.; F. W. Wright, P.M., D.C.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Org.; T. G. Whyte, I.G.; H. C. Dunmill, and H. A. Potvine, Stwds.; J. Gowan, Tyler; W. P. Dickinson, P.M.; D. T. J. Lyle, P.M.; F. J. Blake, P.M., P.P.G.R. Surrey, P.P.S.G.D. Gloucestershire; S. Dyke, A. Barton, F. D. Ker, P. Good and Jones. Visitors: Bros. G. F. Baker, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; and A. C. Brissenden, 503.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. G. F. Baker, P.M. 503, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Jones was passed to the Degree of F.C. in a very able manner by the W.M., who was most efficiently assisted by his officers. Bro. W. P. Dickinson, P.M., moved a resolution in accordance with notice previously given—that a Committee be formed to enquire into the financial position of the lodge, which was carried unanimously.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel to partake of a supper, provided in excellent style, by Bro. A. Weston, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. E. Mathean, W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G. Sec. for G.C., S.W.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein, S.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and Dr. Belgrave Ninnis. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. the Rev. J. W. Horsley, H. D. Willock, the Rev. J. G. Munday, Col. J. Mead, the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, A. Digby Green, A. Norman, Dr. T. Charters White, Thos. Cohu, E. A. T. Breed, A. W. Dennis, Dr. F. A. Brooks, Major G. R. Hobbs, H. Woodcock, W. J. Songhurst, F. W. L. Verder, P. G. Edwards, G. E. Turner, A. Elstob, F. F. Giraud, J. S. Cumberland, D.G.S.B., W. Briant, the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, G. J. Taylor, J. D. Burnie, C. H. Bestow, E. C. Stimson, C. B. Barnes, Milton Smith, F. W. Mitchell, O. Marsland, G. W. Taylor, W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., E. G. Walthew, S. W. Morris, W. H. Colman, W. C. Barnes, J. W. Barnes, E. Armitage, R. A. Gowan, Henry Harris, G. W. Capel, J. Wakelin, W. H. Noakes, C. F. Rush, G. Greiner, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, C. G. Hokanson, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., F. Bird, and R. Ortewell. Also the following visitors: Bros. H. Thomson Lyon, J.W. 2563; Oscar Guttman, J.W. 238; H. Becker, W.M. 51; E. A. Burrell, 1024; and F. J. Whitehead, J.W. 180.

Bro. Gould, D. of C., announced the recent appointment of Bro. C. Kupferschmidt to the office of Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, and gave expression to the feelings of gratification experienced by his brethren in the lodge. He was sure that every member would agree with him that no more suitable brother could have been found for the office, which was far from being a sinecure, and required special knowledge and linguistic attainments. He moved that the congratulations of the brethren be tendered to Bro. Kupferschmidt, which was seconded by Bro. Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, and carried by acclamation, after which Bro. Kupferschmidt expressed his thanks. The W.M. addressed the brethren, and wished them all a happy and prosperous New Year individually, expressing a hope that the year might also prove a propitious one for the lodge collectively. The report of the Audit Committee was brought up, and, after some few explanations of the figures had been given, was adopted.

The following five lodges and 66 brethren were then admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Port Alfred Lodge, No. 1468, Port Alfred, Cape Colony; Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney, Manitoba, Canada; Lodge Caledonian, No. 737 (S.C.), Mackay, Queensland; St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263, Sheffield; Lodge Independence with Philanthropy, No. 391, Allahabad, India; and Bros. J. W. Murton, P.G.W., Hamilton, Ontario; H. N. Rich, 9, Ladner, British Columbia; F. H. Ribler, P.M. 5, St. Paul, Minnesota, and P. M. Raymond, 51, Sacramento, California, U.S.A.; His Excellency Sir C. B. H. Mitchell, Dis. G.M. Eastern Archipelago, Singapore; A. Paxton, P.D.D.G.M. Bengal, Allahabad in New South Wales; J. J. Smith, H. Hogarth, J. Cock, S. R. Hutchin, and J. O. Pearce, all of 218, Gunnedah; Dr. W. Nickson, P.M. 214 (S.C.), H. D. Walsh, G. Architect, both of Newcastle, and H. Passmore, G.W. Sydney; in Queensland, W. C. Maund, 1978, Herberton; H. Bailey and E. J. Harding, both of 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba; E. J. Adams, P. C. Hardie, J. S. Williams, P.M., H. H. Steele, C. Wardrop, W.M., J. Greenish, all of 2395, Winton, and J. Cheshire, Inglewood; in South Australia, Dr. W. Barlow, 38, P.M. and G. F. Mitchell, 1, Adelaide; in Victoria, J. McLeod, P.M., Coleraine, and A. W. Rogers, 15 (S.A.C.), Melbourne; Professor Dr. Gotthold, editor of *Bauhutte*, Frankfurt-on-Main; Dr. A. Ross Carmichael, 617, S.M., J. Harkness, 408, W. Laidlaw, 772, and W. Scott, P.M. 617, all of Glasgow; Dr. K. Aitken, W.M. 75 (S.C.); C. Middleton, P.M. 996; H. W. Miles, 65; H. Longman, P.M. 1051; J. Robinson, P.M. 1050; F. W. Mitchell, 1013; E. Hulbert, P.M. 702; T. C. Bromwich, P.M. 1621; H. J. Skelding, 1621; A. W. King, 345; H. J. Wright, P.M. 936; Rev. R. A. Bosanquet, 81; T. S. Adams, P.M. 1477; W. A. Beer, 1992; B. Danse, P.M. 539; F. Hallows, P.M. 861; H. Whitney, 861; J. P. Richards, P.M. 1584; J. Webb, 92; O. Heinemann, 1027; C. Robinson, 1541; W. Briant, 101; T. Mosey, 2128; W. N. Haydon, 2128; P. G. Edwards, 1627; W. R. Thompson, 1507; S. F. Harvey, 162; E. C. Stimson, 2374; W. J. Collins, P.M. 766; C. L. Chubb, 2545; P. Becker, 238; C. E. Wells, 19; and J. D. Burnie.

The Secretary called attention to the following exhibits: To a large square and compasses crossed, in wrought-iron, supposed to have formerly decorated the Master's chair of Lodge Huntley, in Aberdeenshire, and impressions from the summons plate of the Invenary Lodge, lent by Bro. W. Ivon Macadam, of Edinburgh; to four Irish certificates of the early years of the century, in illustration of the paper of the evening, and a Maltese Royal Arch certificate, lent by Bro. J. T. Thorp, of Leicester. Bro. Dr. Lemon also exhibited a rare pamphlet, being the regulations of the Royal Arch Society, printed in the year 1782, which evoked much interest, and which he expressed his intention of getting suitably bound and presenting to the lodge library. In the absence of the writer, Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, the paper of the evening, entitled, "The Old Lodge at Bandon," was read for him by Bro. W. H. Rylands. It dealt all too briefly, and very amusingly, with the past history of this lodge, established in 1733, and still existing, the facts being gleaned from a pamphlet written some 30 years ago.

The minute books had, however, remained in possession of the author, who had since removed to America, and it was hoped this notice might assist in their recovery and restoration to proper custody. A discussion on the paper followed, which was sustained by Bros. Speth, Gould, Rylands, Macbean, and Guttman, and letters in comment were read from Bros. Lane and Hughan.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

Ember Lodge, No. 2540

The first anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey; it was a most successful gathering, and the manner in which the working was done reflects the greatest credit on the workers. Bro. George Moorman, the first W.M. of the lodge, was in the chair. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the Auditors' report, which, considering its infancy, showed a fair balance in hand, was read, received, and adopted, after which Bro. T. H. R. Beck, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. was presented, and received at the hands of the outgoing W.M., Bro. G. Moorman, the benefit of installation. After the customary salutations, Bro. Beck appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Moorman, I.P.M.; H. Wheatley, S.W.; C. Wheatley, J.W.; A. H. Bowers, Treas.; H. J. Brook, Sec.; G. Alderton, S.D.; F. Mills, J.D.; J. H. Mayo, I.G.; T. A. Grisenthwaite, D.C.; J. Rothwell and D. Saines, Stewards; and H. Francis, Tyler. Bro. Moorman then gave the addresses in an admirable and impressive manner, and received a hearty and cordial vote of thanks for his splendid work as Installing Master. He was also presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel as a token of esteem, for which he appropriately returned thanks.

Lodge was then closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren adjourned to an inner room to a banquet.

Among the other brethren and visitors present were Bros. Mason, Collector R.M.B.I.; Hyman, 2168; F. Neale, W.M. 1951; F. Lockett, W.M. 2222; G. Hunt, 861; T. F. Tucker, 1044; A. E. Hodgkinson, 879; J. Golden, P.P.J.G.D. Hants; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Burgess, P.M. 2475; J. Rothwell, W. S. Chambers, J. J. Mayo, G. F. Tagg, Jesse Wheatley, H. W. Sager, A. Harris, H. Best, J. J. Knox, T. Abnett, and S. Hewett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

Full justice having been done to the good things provided by the host, Bro. Mayo, the loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M., Bro. Beck, and were received in the hearty manner usual at Masonic gatherings, Bros. Mayo and J. W. Moorman responding for "The Prov. Grand Lodge."

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which he demonstrated as the toast of the evening. He said they had all seen the masterly way he had invested his officers that evening, and, as a good man and a good Mason, he knew that Bro. Beck would do his work well, and to the entire satisfaction of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. Beck, in reply, assured the brethren that nothing on his part should be wanting for the benefit of the lodge or the comfort of the brethren. Bro. Beck also paid a warm tribute of praise to the officers he had invested that evening, most of them being known to all present as good working Masons.

The S.W. proposed, in most felicitous terms, "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Mason responded in a very strong appeal on behalf of all of them, and alluded particularly to the provision made in the by-laws of the lodge to set a portion of every brother's annual subscription apart for Masonic benevolence, whereby to enable every succeeding W.M. to become a Steward for one or other of their glorious Institutions.

"The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were proposed in appropriate terms, and suitably responded to, and a very successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

Most excellent harmony was rendered by Messrs. Alexander, Bonar, Barnard, and Martin, the latter being vociferously encored.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. S. M. Banke, M.E.Z.; J. Taylor, P.Z., H.; T. E. Biddlecombe, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; W. H. Dunn, S.N.; Fredk. Hughes, P.S.; T. W. Fisher, 1st A.S.; T. Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; G. Couchman, Janitor; Dr. W. A. Dingle, P.Z.; and G. Grant. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D.C., Prov. G.H. E. Lancs., was a visitor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Principals and officers were installed and invested as follows: Comps. J. Taylor, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. E. Biddlecombe, H.; W. H. Dunn, J.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; T. W. Fisher, P.S.; and T. Cohu, P.Z., D.C. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted.

The chapter was then closed, when the companions dined together under the gavel of Comp. J. Taylor, M.E.Z., the usual toasts being duly honoured.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, when there were present: Bros. William Baker, 192, W.M.; Kinipple, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; J. Smith, P.M. 192, Asst. Sec.; J. G. Robeson, S.D.; Saunton, J.D.; A. J. Rippin, I.G.; Greig, Newman, Pepe, White, S. Rippin, Ellison, Maidwell, Thomas, W.M. 65, Knight, Butcher, Riss, Tidder, and Evans.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rippin acting as candidate. The W.M. then asked Bro. Pepe the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Thomas, who had answered the usual questions, was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Kinipple was elected to occupy the chair on the second Wednesday in February, the first Wednesday being allotted to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and next Wednesday (22nd) being reserved as officers' night of the Prosperity mother lodge. The lodge was then closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Weller, W.M.; Beauchamp, S.W.; Rayner, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Cottis, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; Kelly, I.G.; Smith, Markland, Murdoch, Neighbour, Ingram, Lightfoot, Nicholls, and Fleming.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ingram being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Beauchamp was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. Ingram and Neighbour were elected joining members of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in the lodge. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Benedetti, M.E.Z.; Dawson, H.; Wills, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Cureton, S.N.; Bannister, P.S.; Lewis, Barr, Cornford, Telling, and Addington.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barr personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Dawson, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, January 25, 1896.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1. Grand Master's Freemasons' Tavern.
21. Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185. Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
720. Panmure, Balham Hotel.
862. Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
901. Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
907. St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1537. Imperial, Clout's Restaurant, Victoria-street.
1604. Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
1728. Temple Bar, Cafe Royal.
2000. La France, Cafe Royal.
2265. Bararato, Cafe Monaco, Piccadilly.
2489. Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.
2545. Iris, Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street.
2563. Justicia, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1503. Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

- 333. Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 128. Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, 118.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 30. United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73. Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95. Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
162. Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194. St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435. Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704. Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
857. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1805. Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
2021. Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022. Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.
2408. Hampstead, Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill.
2500. Old Boy's, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 26. Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
46. Old Union, Albion Tavern.
301. Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.
1604. Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

- 283. Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
410. Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chance y-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Fonthwick, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2. Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201. Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212. Ephrates, Holborn Restaurant.
754. High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
1056. Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1360. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
1589. St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1718. Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1818. Clapham, Criterion.
2332. Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.
2395. Avondale, Clarence Rooms.
2416. Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.
2455. St. Martin's, New Town Hall.
2562. Papyrus, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 704. Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
753. Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
1209. Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Donic, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 34. Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65. Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66. Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99. Shakespeare, Albion Tavern.
507. United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
706. William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
871. Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
1421. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1523. St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.
1601. Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.
1608. Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
1628. Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1974. St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2349. Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court.
2432. Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 5. St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
101. Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
177. Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
534. Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
538. Vane, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 60. Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
107. Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509. Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
200. Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
2312. London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1839. Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.

- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.30.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1679. Henry Muggieridge, Anderton's Hotel.
1760. Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1329. Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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